

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1113
By Matheny

A RESOLUTION to recognize Martha Scarbrough on the occasion
of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who in their years of work have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Martha Scarbrough is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for thirty-five years as an Associate Professor of Mathematics at Motlow State Community College; and

WHEREAS, after many years of dedication to education, Mrs. Scarbrough will soon be taking a much deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Scarbrough earned a Bachelor's degree in Mathematics in 1964 and Master's degree in Mathematics in 1967 from Middle Tennessee State University; she has completed additional graduate studies at MTSU, Memphis State University, and Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, beginning her illustrious tenure in education as a Mathematics Teacher at Two Rivers High School in August 1964, Mrs. Scarbrough then served as a Graduate Assistant in Math at MTSU in September 1966 before relocating in 1967 to Florida, where she taught Mathematics at Clewiston High School; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Scarbrough joined the faculty of Motlow State Community College in 1969 as an Associate Professor of Mathematics and she has also served the institution with distinction as its Discipline and Advisement Coordinator, Assistant Dean, and Coordinator of Non-Credit Classes with the Division of Continuing Education and Evening Instruction; and

WHEREAS, the only original Motlow faculty member who has continued to serve the college without interruption, Mrs. Scarbrough has worked with and served under every

President in the history of the college, beginning with Dr. Sam Ingram and ending with the current President, Dr. Arthur L. Walker, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, having participated in every graduation ceremony, Mrs. Scarbrough has witnessed the growth of the Motlow student body from the first class of seventy-nine students to more than five hundred graduating students last year; this year she has been selected as the graduation keynote speaker, marking the first time that a thirty-five year career faculty member has been the keynote speaker; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Scarbrough has not only observed the remarkable growth of the student population at Motlow, but she has also seen the expansion of the once single campus college into four teaching locations, which include the main campus, the McMinnville Center, Fayetteville Center, and the Smyrna Teaching Site; and

WHEREAS, during her illustrious career at Motlow, Mrs. Scarbrough was instrumental in the establishment of a mathematics study lab for students and the student academic advisement program, as well as playing an integral part in the establishment of the Faculty Council; and

WHEREAS, a member of the pioneering teams that charted the evolution of the McMinnville and Fayetteville Centers, Mrs. Scarbrough has also contributed her visionary leadership to Motlow College by serving on a majority of the College's standing committees; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Scarbrough has earned numerous accolades for her successful endeavors and achievements in education, including receipt of the Faculty Excellence Award in 1978-79, again in 1993-94, and she is one of three nominees from the Division of Mathematics, Science, and Education for the 2003-04 award; the Award recognizes faculty excellence beyond the classroom and is presented by the Motlow College Foundation; and

WHEREAS, an active and important part of her community and her profession, Mrs. Scarbrough participates in numerous worthy professional and civic organizations, including Phi Theta Kappa, Delta Kappa Gamma, American Association of University Professors, National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, Tennessee Mathematics Teachers Association, Middle Tennessee Mathematics Teachers, and Tennessee State Employees Association, and lends her support to the Tullahoma Fine Arts Center and South Jackson Civic Center; she has also

served as President of the Middle Tennessee State University International Alumni Association for two terms; and

WHEREAS, her myriad professional and personal accomplishments aside, Mrs. Scarbrough is most grateful for the love and companionship she shares with her husband, John Scarbrough, who is an Assistant Professor of Social Studies at Motlow; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Scarbrough exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Mrs. Scarbrough has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues and students alike; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we commend Martha Scarbrough for her dedicated service to education and Motlow State Community College and extend to her our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.